**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** 

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully

requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended to correct minor

informalities. The changes made to the specification are not believed to raise any issues of

new matter.

Further, a replacement Figure 3 is submitted with the present response that properly

labels element 521, which was improperly labeled as element 421 in original Figure 3.

Further, by the present Preliminary Amendment claim 8 is amended to no longer be

written as a multiple dependent claim. Further, subject matter of the canceled multiple

dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claims 9-14.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough

examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is

hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000

Fax: (703) 413 -2220

(OSMMN 06/04)

Gregory J. Maier

Attorney of Record

Registration No. 25,599

Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423

GJM:SNS\ajf:la I:\atty\SNS\272750us-pr.doc

16